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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY Cynthin & STATE OF GEORGIA

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MARSHA HORNSBY,
Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.:

vs.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS
TRUCKLINES, LLC, and
GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,
Defendants.

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

The Plaintiff, MARSHA HORNSBY, files this Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial and sues the Defendants, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC; and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY; and respectfully shows this Court as follows

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. The Plaintiff, MARSHA HORNSBY, was and is a citizen and resident of the State of Georgia.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Defendant, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, was and is a foreign corporation doing business within the State of Georgia with a principal place of business in Centerville, Tennessee. MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, at all times material hereto, conducted a transportation trucking business with Department of Transportation No. 2235732, and at all times material hereto owned, maintained and/or had the right to control or maintain that certain tractor-trailer truck (hereinafter "subject truck") that was being operated by Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, in the State of Georgia with the permission and consent of MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC.

- 3. The registered agent for Defendant, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, is JASON C GONZALEZ, 2609 Welcome Rd, Newman, GA 30263. Defendant MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, is subject to the jurisdiction of and venue in this Court pursuant to the Non-Resident Motorist Act, O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, et seq. and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-91 and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-94.
- 4. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN was and is a citizen and resident of 812 Post Oak Drive, Antioch, TN 37013 and was operating the subject truck, Vehicle Identification Number 3AKJHHDR6K5LG233, in the State of Georgia and within the course and scope of his employment with Defendant, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC. Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN is subject to the jurisdiction of and venue in this Court pursuant to the Non-Resident Motorist Act, O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, *et seq.* and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-91 and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-94.
- 5. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY is the liability insurer for MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, a motor carrier, and is made a party defendant pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-2-140 and O.C.G.A. § 40-1-112. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY can be served through Corporation Service Company, 2 Sun Court, Ste. 400, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.
- 6. At all times material hereto, the subject truck was a commercial motor vehicle subject to regulations promulgated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
 - 7. The collision giving rise to this Complaint occurred in Atkinson County, Georgia.
 - 8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, et seq.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 8 above and further alleges:

- 9. On, or about, November 16, 2020, at approximately 9:30 A.M., Plaintiff was operating a 2019 Kubota Tractor driving West on GA520, in Atkinson County, Georgia.
- 10. Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, while operating his vehicle in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, drove his tractor-trailer into the rear of Plaintiff's vehicle causing a violent collision between the Plaintiff's vehicle Defendant's vehicle.

<u>COUNT I</u> NEGLIGENCE CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 10 above and further alleges:

- 11. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN negligently and carelessly operated, used, controlled and/or maintained the subject truck so as to cause the collision with the Plaintiff's vehicle thereby causing Plaintiff to sustain significant injuries and damages as hereinafter alleged.
- 12. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN failed to comply with O.C.G.A §40-6-390 in that he operated the subject truck with a reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- 13. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN failed to comply with O.C.G.A §40-6-49 by following too closely.

14. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned negligence of Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, the Plaintiff, was injured in and about her body and extremities, which resulted in pain and suffering, disability, physical impairment, disfigurement, mental anguish, inconvenience, aggravation and/or activation of pre-existing condition or physical defects, and loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, all of which are continuing and are permanent in nature, past and future medical and related expenses, loss of earnings and/or loss of ability to earn monies in the past and permanent impairment of his future ability to earn income.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff sues the Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN for compensatory damages and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

COUNT II VICARIOUS LIABILITY CLAIM AGAINST MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC.

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 14 above and further alleges:

- 15. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN was an employee, agent and/or servant of the Defendant, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC. acting within the course and scope of said employment and/or agency, and as a result, Defendant, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC. is liable for the negligent acts or omissions committed by Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN as specifically detailed in Count I.
- 16. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned negligence, the Plaintiff was injured in and about her body and extremities, which resulted in pain and suffering,

disability, physical impairment, disfigurement, mental anguish, inconvenience, aggravation and/or activation of pre-existing condition or physical defects, and loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, all of which are continuing and are permanent in nature, past and future medical and related expenses, loss of earnings and/or loss of ability to earn monies in the past and permanent impairment of his future ability to earn income.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff and sues the Defendant, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, for compensatory damages and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

COUNT III CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §40-1-112 AND O.C.G.A. §40-2-140

Plaintiff hereby re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Complaint.

- 17. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY has issued a policy of liability insurance to Defendant MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, and that insurance is applicable to the Complaint as set forth herein.
- 18. As such, Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY shares responsibility for the damages caused by Defendants, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC and RAIMIL SWANAGAN, as set forth herein and all damages as will be proven by the Plaintiff in the present action pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 40-1-112 and 40-2-140.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff sues the Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, for any and all damages available pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 40-1-112 and 40-2-140 and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

REQUEST FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff requests a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following:

- a) Trial by jury; and
- b) Judgement for all recoverable damages in her favor against Defendants in an amount to be shown by the evidence at the time of trial and determined by the enlightened conscious of the jury; and
- c) All attorney's fees and costs of Court to be cast against Defendants; and
- d) Such other relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

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Defendants.

CERTFICATE OF SERVICE OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL

COMES NOW, Plaintiff in the above-referenced case, and pursuant to the local rules of this Court, shows that contemporaneously with service of the Complaint and Summons, he served upon Defendants the following:

- 1. Plaintiff's Request for Admissions to Defendants
- 2. Plaintiff's First Interrogatories and First Request to Produce to Defendant RAIMIL SWANAGAN.
- 3. Plaintiff's First Interrogatories and First Request to Produce to Defendant MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC

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I hereby certify that the foregoing document was served on Defendant contemporaneously with the Complaint and Summons in this action on the date indicated on the Return of Service that will be filed with the Court as required by the Georgia Civil Practice Act.

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DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

TO: SWANAGAN, RAIMIL

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Matthew Grossman Farah & Farah 10W Adams St. Jacksonville, Florida 32202

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Defendants.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE OF DEFENDANTS MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC
AND GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY

COMES NOW, Clay S. O'Daniel of O'Daniel McDonald, LLC, on behalf of DEFENDANTS MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, and hereby acknowledges due, proper and sufficient service of *Plaintiff's Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial, Summons, General Civil and Domestic Relations Case Initiation Form, Certificate of Service of Discovery Material*, and *Plaintiff's Request for Admissions to Defendants*. Other and further service is waived.

[SIGNATURE CONTAINED ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of December, 2021.

O'DANIEL MCDONALD, LLC

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Attorneys for Defendants

The undersigned attorney does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE OF DEFENDANTS MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC AND GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY was duly served upon Plaintiff by using the PeachCourt efile system for service to Plaintiff's below counsel of record:

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/s/Clay S. O'Daniel Clay S. O'Daniel

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Defendants.

STIPULATION EXTENDING TIME FOR DEFENDANTS RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC AND GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY TO ANSWER AND RESPOND TO DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-6(b), and by express agreement, Plaintiff Marsha Hornsby ("Plaintiff") and Defendants Raimil Swanagan, MPS Trucklines, LLC, and Great West Casualty Company ("Defendants") hereby stipulate to extend the time in which Defendants may answer, object, or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint through and including January 10, 2022.

Plaintiff and Defendants further stipulate to extend the time in which Defendants may answer, object, or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's first discovery requests to Defendants, including Plaintiff's Request for Admissions to Defendants, Plaintiff's Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents to Defendant MPS Trucklines, LLC and Plaintiff's Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents to Defendant Raimil Swanagan through and including January 24, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, this 8th day of December, 2021.

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O'DANIEL McDONALD, LLC

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permission by CSO)
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Attorneys for Defendants

The undersigned attorney does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the STIPULATION EXTENDING TIME FOR DEFENDANTS RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC AND GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY TO ANSWER AND RESPOND TO DISCOVERY REQUESTS was duly served upon Plaintiff by using the PeachCourt efile system for service to Plaintiff's below counsel of record:

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Defendants.

ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COME NOW Defendants Raimil Swanagan, Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a/ MPS Truck Lines (improperly identified as separate and distinct entity MPS Trucklines, LLC), and Great West Casualty Company ("Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel, and file their Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial ("Complaint"), and show the Court as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

Defendants assert that Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

No act or omission of Defendants caused or contributed to any injuries or damages allegedly incurred by Plaintiff; therefore, Plaintiff has no right of recovery against Defendants.

THIRD DEFENSE

MPS Trucklines, LLC is an improper party to this litigation, and is a separate and distinct entity from Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines.

FOURTH DEFENSE

Defendants plead the defense of comparative fault and all applicable doctrines thereof as against Plaintiff and/or any subsequently added parties to this action.

FIFTH DEFENSE

All injuries or damages allegedly sustained by Plaintiff resulted solely or partially from the voluntary and intentional conduct of Plaintiff.

SIXTH DEFENSE

Any injuries, losses, or damages alleged by Plaintiff were proximately caused or contributed to by a superseding and intervening cause or causes other than an act or omission on the part this Defendants, and, accordingly, recovery or relief against Defendants is barred.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

To the extent as may be shown applicable by the evidence through discovery, Defendants assert the affirmative defenses of assumption of the risk, contributory/comparative negligence, failure of Plaintiff to exercise ordinary care for Plaintiff's own safety, failure of Plaintiff to avoid consequences, failure of Plaintiff to mitigate damages, accord and satisfaction, arbitration and award, discharge in bankruptcy, duress, estoppel, failure of consideration, fraud, illegality, injury by fellow servant, license, payment, release, res judicata, statute of limitations, statute of frauds, sudden emergency, and waiver.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

Defendants reserve the right to plead such other defenses as may become known during

the course of investigation and discovery.

ANSWER

Responding to the specifically numbered paragraphs of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants answer as follows:

1.

Defendants are without sufficient information to formulate a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

2.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Complaint. Responding further, Defendants state that MPS Trucklines, LLC is a separate and distinct entity that is an improperly named party to this litigation.

3.

Defendants are without sufficient information to formulate a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

4.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint as stated. Responding further, Defendants admit that Defendant Raimil Swanagan was and is a resident of 812 Post Oak Drive, Antioch, TN 37013 and was operating a vehicle bearing Vehicle Identification Number 3AKJHHDR6K5LG233 at the time of the subject accident. Defendants further admit that jurisdiction before this Court is proper as to Defendant Swanagan.

5.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

6.

Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

7.

Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

8.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

9.

Defendants are without sufficient information to formulate a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

10.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint. Responding further, Defendants admit that a tractor trailer being operated by Defendant Swanagan, within the scope of his agency with Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines, made contact with a vehicle being operated by Plaintiff.

11.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's Complaint, as stated. Responding further, Defendants admit that Defendant Swanagan was to some degree negligent in connection with the subject accident.

12.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Complaint. Responding further, Defendants deny that Defendant Swanagan acted recklessly in any way in connection with the subject accident. Defendants admit that Defendant Swanagan was to some degree negligent in connection with the subject accident.

13.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Complaint. Responding further, Defendants admit that Defendant Swanagan was to some degree negligent in connection with the subject accident.

14.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

15.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Complaint. Responding further, Defendants admit that Defendant Swanagan was acting within the course and scope of his agency with Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines at the time of the subject accident.

16.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

17.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Complaint. Responding further, Defendants admit that Defendant Great West Casualty Company issued a policy of liability insurance to Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines that was active at the time of the subject accident.

18.

Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

Defendants deny any and all allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint which have not been expressly admitted or denied herein.

Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to any of the relief requested in the WHEREFORE

paragraph contained in Plaintiff's Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray:

- (a) That Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with all costs and attorneys' fees charged to Plaintiff;
- (b) That this Court denies Plaintiff's demand for damages and judgment in its entirety;
- (c) That this Court enter a Judgment in favor of Defendants and against Plaintiff;
- (d) That Defendants be granted a trial by a jury of 12; and
- (e) For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of January, 2022.

O'DANIEL McDONALD, LLC

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The undersigned attorney does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL was duly served upon Plaintiff's counsel of record via electronic filing through the PeachCourt electronic filing system:

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This 10th day of January, 2022.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

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MARSHA HORNSBY,

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Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION

v.

FILE NO. 2021-CV-054

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, and

GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY.

Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCOVERY FILING PURSUANT TO RULE 5.2 OF THE UNIFORM SUPERIOR COURT RULES

Pursuant to Rule 5.2 of the Uniform Superior Court Rules, the undersigned counsel of Defendant Raimil Swanagan certifies that he has served the following pleadings on all counsel and that same were sent via first class U.S. Mail, properly addressed and with adequate postage thereon:

- 1. DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF **DOCUMENTS TO PLAINTIFF**
- 2. DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN'S FIRST INTERROGATORIES TO **PLAINTIFF**
- 3. DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN'S FIRST REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION TO **PLAINTIFF**

The original discovery requests were retained by the undersigned pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-29.1(a).

[SIGNATURE CONTAINED ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of January, 2022.

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Attorneys for Defendants

This is to certify that I have this day served all counsel of record with a copy of the within and foregoing CERTIFICATE OF DISCOVERY FILING PURSUANT TO RULE 5.2 OF THE UNIFORM SUPERIOR COURT RULES via electronic filing through the PeachCourt e-filing system:

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY

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STATE OF GEORGIA

MARSHA HORNSBY, *

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Plaintiff, *

* CIVIL ACTION

v. *

* FILE NO. 2021-CV-054

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, and

GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, 3

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Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of an OFFER OF SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 9-11-68 TO PLAINTIFF MARSHA HORNSBY has this day been served upon counsel of record for Plaintiff by sending same via email and Certified United States Mail.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of January, 2022.

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This 13th day of January, 2022.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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MARSHA HORNSBY,
Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: (Lyn4lin &

Cynthia G Dillingham, Clerk Atkinson County, Georgia

VS.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS
TRUCKLINES, LLC, and
GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,
Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S CONSENT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT SUBSTITUTING AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES AS PROPER DEFENDANT IN PLACE OF DEFENDANT MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, MARSHA HORNSBY, in the above-captioned case, and hereby moves this Court for an Order substituting AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES as the proper Defendant in place of improperly named MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, deeming the attached Amended Complaint filed and directing the clerk to amend the caption as MARSHA HORNSBY vs. RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, and in support, shows this Court the following:

- 1. Plaintiff filed suit on November 15, 2021 and Defendants filed their Answer January 10, 2022¹.
- 2. In its Answer, Defendants Answered on behalf of "Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines (improperly identified as separate and distinct legal entity MPS Trucklines, LLC." See Answer.
 - 3. In light of Defendants' representation in its Answer, Plaintiff now moves to file an

¹ The Answer was timely as Plaintiff gave Defendants an extension to Answer the suit in exchange for an acknowledgment of service.

Amended Complaint which identifies the proper legal entity.

4. Adding or dropping parties is a matter of discretion for the court. <u>Little Tree, Inc.</u>

v. Fields, 240 Ga. App. 12, 13 (1999). "Parties may be dropped or added by order of the trial court

at any stage of action and upon such terms as are just." Id. (quoting O.C.G.A. § 9-11-21).

5. Defendants consent to the relief requested and Defendants' counsel has agreed to

accept service of the Amended Complaint for AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK

LINES once the Court issues an Order on this Consent Motion and the Amended Complaint is

deemed filed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests this Court enter an Order substituting AMIKA

LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES as the proper Defendant in place of improperly

named MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC, deeming the attached Amended Complaint filed and directing

the clerk to amend the caption as MARSHA HORNSBY vs. RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA

LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY.

This 19th day of January, 2022.

FARAH & FARAH, P.A.

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This is to certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing by depositing same in the United States Mail in a properly addressed envelope with adequate postage thereon to all counsel of record and provided a copy to counsel of record by e-mail.

This 19th day of January, 2021.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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MARSHA HORNSBY, Plaintiff, **CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.:**

VS.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, Defendants.

AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

The Plaintiff, MARSHA HORNSBY, files this Amended Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial and sues the Defendants, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES; and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY; and respectfully shows this Court as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. The Plaintiff, MARSHA HORNSBY, was and is a citizen and resident of the State of Georgia.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, was and is a foreign corporation doing business within the State of Georgia with a principal place of business in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, at all times material hereto, conducted a transportation trucking business with Department of Transportation No. 1741825, and at all times material hereto owned, maintained and/or had the right to control or maintain that certain tractor-trailer truck (hereinafter "subject truck") that was being operated by Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, in the State of Georgia with the permission and consent of AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK

LINES.

- 3. The registered agent for Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES is REGISTERED AGENTS INC 300 COLONIAL CENTER PWY#100N ROSWELL GA, 30076-0000. Defendant AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, is subject to the jurisdiction of and venue in this Court pursuant to the Non-Resident Motorist Act, O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, et seq. and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-91 and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-94.
- 4. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN was and is a citizen and resident of 812 Post Oak Drive, Antioch, TN 37013 and was operating the subject truck, Vehicle Identification Number 3AKJHHDR6K5LG233, in the State of Georgia and within the course and scope of his employment with Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES. Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN is subject to the jurisdiction of and venue in this Court pursuant to the Non-Resident Motorist Act, O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, *et seq.* and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-91 and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-94.
- 5. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY is the liability insurer for AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, a motor carrier, and is made a party defendant pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-2-140 and O.C.G.A. § 40-1-112. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY can be served through Corporation Service Company, 2 Sun Court, Ste. 400, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.
- 6. At all times material hereto, the subject truck was a commercial motor vehicle subject to regulations promulgated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
 - 7. The collision giving rise to this Complaint occurred in Atkinson County, Georgia.
 - 8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, et seq.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 8 above and further alleges:

- 9. On, or about, November 16, 2020, at approximately 9:30 A.M., Plaintiff was operating a 2019 Kubota Tractor driving West on GA520, in Atkinson County, Georgia.
- 10. Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, while operating his vehicle in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, drove his tractor-trailer into the rear of Plaintiff's vehicle causing a violent collision between the Plaintiff's vehicle Defendant's vehicle.

<u>COUNT I</u> NEGLIGENCE CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 10 above and further alleges:

- 11. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN negligently and carelessly operated, used, controlled and/or maintained the subject truck so as to cause the collision with the Plaintiff's vehicle thereby causing Plaintiff to sustain significant injuries and damages as hereinafter alleged.
- 12. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN failed to comply with O.C.G.A §40-6-390 in that he operated the subject truck with a reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.
- 13. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN failed to comply with O.C.G.A §40-6-49 by following too closely.

14. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned negligence of Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, the Plaintiff, was injured in and about her body and extremities, which resulted in pain and suffering, disability, physical impairment, disfigurement, mental anguish, inconvenience, aggravation and/or activation of pre-existing condition or physical defects, and loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, all of which are continuing and are permanent in nature, past and future medical and related expenses, loss of earnings and/or loss of ability to earn monies in the past and permanent impairment of his future ability to earn income.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff sues the Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN for compensatory damages and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

COUNT II VICARIOUS LIABILITY CLAIM AGAINST AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 14 above and further alleges:

- 15. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN was an employee, agent and/or servant of the Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES. acting within the course and scope of said employment and/or agency, and as a result, Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES. is liable for the negligent acts or omissions committed by Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN as specifically detailed in Count I.
- 16. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned negligence, the Plaintiff was injured in and about her body and extremities, which resulted in pain and suffering, disability, physical impairment, disfigurement, mental anguish, inconvenience, aggravation and/or activation of pre-existing condition or physical defects, and loss of capacity for the

enjoyment of life, all of which are continuing and are permanent in nature, past and future medical and related expenses, loss of earnings and/or loss of ability to earn monies in the past and permanent impairment of his future ability to earn income.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff and sues the Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, for compensatory damages and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

COUNT III CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §40-1-112 AND O.C.G.A. §40-2-140

Plaintiff hereby re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Complaint.

- 17. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY has issued a policy of liability insurance to Defendant AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and that insurance is applicable to the Complaint as set forth herein.
- 18. As such, Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY shares responsibility for the damages caused by Defendants, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES and RAIMIL SWANAGAN, as set forth herein and all damages as will be proven by the Plaintiff in the present action pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 40-1-112 and 40-2-140.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff sues the Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, for any and all damages available pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 40-1-112 and 40-2-140 and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

REQUEST FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff requests a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following:

- a) Trial by jury; and
- b) Judgement for all recoverable damages in her favor against Defendants in an amount to be shown by the evidence at the time of trial and determined by the enlightened conscious of the jury; and
- c) All attorney's fees and costs of Court to be cast against Defendants; and
- d) Such other relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MARSHA HORNSBY,
Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.:

VS.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS
TRUCKLINES, LLC, and
GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,
Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S CONSENT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT SUBSTITUTING AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES AS PROPER DEFENDANT IN PLACE OF DEFENDANT MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC

THIS CAUSE, having come before the Court for on PLAINTIFFS CONSENT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT SUBSTITUTING AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES AS PROPER DEFENDANT IN PLACE OF DEFENDANT MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC and the Court being fully advised in the premises, the Court finds that Plaintiff's Motion is GRANTED.

Plaintiff is granted leave to file Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, which was attached to the Motion, within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and Defendant is ORDERED to Answer the Amended Complaint within thirty days of service.

Plaintiff's Complaint against MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice.

The Clerk is hereby ORDERED and DIRECTED to alter the caption of this case to:

MARSHA HORNSBY, Plaintiff,	
Vs.	
RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, Defendants.	
DONE and ORDERED , on this the	day of 2022.
	SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF ATKINSON COUNTY
Order Consented to by:	
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Plaintiff is granted leave to file Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, which was attached to the Motion, within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and Defendant is ORDERED to Answer the Amended Complaint within thirty days of service.

Plaintiff's Complaint against MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice.

The Clerk is hereby ORDERED and DIRECTED to alter the caption of this case to:

MARSHA HORNSBY,
Plaintiff,

VS.

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendants.

DONE and ORDERED, on this the

day of Janvary 2022

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF ATKINSON

COUNTY

Order Consented to by:

/s/ Matthew Grossman

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CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.:

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JURY TRIAL DEMAND

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendants.

AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

The Plaintiff, MARSHA HORNSBY, files this Amended Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial and sues the Defendants, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES; and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY; and respectfully shows this Court as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. The Plaintiff, MARSHA HORNSBY, was and is a citizen and resident of the State of Georgia.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, was and is a foreign corporation doing business within the State of Georgia with a principal place of business in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, at all times material hereto, conducted a transportation trucking business with Department of Transportation No. 1741825, and at all times material hereto owned, maintained and/or had the right to control or maintain that certain tractor-trailer truck (hereinafter "subject truck") that was being operated by Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, in the State of Georgia with the permission and consent of AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK

LINES.

- 3. The registered agent for Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES is REGISTERED AGENTS INC 300 COLONIAL CENTER PWY#100N ROSWELL GA, 30076-0000. Defendant AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, is subject to the jurisdiction of and venue in this Court pursuant to the Non-Resident Motorist Act, O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, et seq. and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-91 and/or O.C.G.A. §9-10-94.
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- 5. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY is the liability insurer for AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, a motor carrier, and is made a party defendant pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-2-140 and O.C.G.A. § 40-1-112. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY can be served through Corporation Service Company, 2 Sun Court, Ste. 400, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.
- 6. At all times material hereto, the subject truck was a commercial motor vehicle subject to regulations promulgated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
 - 7. The collision giving rise to this Complaint occurred in Atkinson County, Georgia.
 - 8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to O.C.G.A. §40-12-1, et seq.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 8 above and further alleges:

- 9. On, or about, November 16, 2020, at approximately 9:30 A.M., Plaintiff was operating a 2019 Kubota Tractor driving West on GA520, in Atkinson County, Georgia.
- 10. Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, while operating his vehicle in the course and scope of his employment with Defendant AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, drove his tractor-trailer into the rear of Plaintiff's vehicle causing a violent collision between the Plaintiff's vehicle Defendant's vehicle.

<u>COUNT I</u> NEGLIGENCE CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN

The Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 10 above and further alleges:

- 11. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN negligently and carelessly operated, used, controlled and/or maintained the subject truck so as to cause the collision with the Plaintiff's vehicle thereby causing Plaintiff to sustain significant injuries and damages as hereinafter alleged.
- 12. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN failed to comply with O.C.G.A §40-6-390 in that he operated the subject truck with a reckless disregard for the safety of persons or property.
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WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff sues the Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN for compensatory damages and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

COUNT II VICARIOUS LIABILITY CLAIM AGAINST AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES

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- 15. At all times material hereto, Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN was an employee, agent and/or servant of the Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES. acting within the course and scope of said employment and/or agency, and as a result, Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES. is liable for the negligent acts or omissions committed by Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN as specifically detailed in Count I.
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enjoyment of life, all of which are continuing and are permanent in nature, past and future medical and related expenses, loss of earnings and/or loss of ability to earn monies in the past and permanent impairment of his future ability to earn income.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff and sues the Defendant, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, for compensatory damages and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

COUNT III CLAIM AGAINST DEFENDANT, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §40-1-112 AND O.C.G.A. §40-2-140

Plaintiff hereby re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Complaint.

- 17. Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY has issued a policy of liability insurance to Defendant AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and that insurance is applicable to the Complaint as set forth herein.
- 18. As such, Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY shares responsibility for the damages caused by Defendants, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES and RAIMIL SWANAGAN, as set forth herein and all damages as will be proven by the Plaintiff in the present action pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 40-1-112 and 40-2-140.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff sues the Defendant, GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY, for any and all damages available pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 40-1-112 and 40-2-140 and further demands a trial by jury of all issues triable as a matter of right by a jury.

REQUEST FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff requests a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following:

- a) Trial by jury; and
- b) Judgement for all recoverable damages in her favor against Defendants in an amount to be shown by the evidence at the time of trial and determined by the enlightened conscious of the jury; and
- c) All attorney's fees and costs of Court to be cast against Defendants; and
- d) Such other relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

MARSHA HORNSBY,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION

v.

FILE NO. 2021-CV-054

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendants.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE

COMES NOW, William S. Weston of O'Daniel McDonald, LLC, on behalf of DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES (substituted as a party in place of Defendant MPS TRUCKLINES, LLC), and hereby acknowledges due, proper, and sufficient service of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial. Other and further service is waived.

[SIGNATURE CONTAINED ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of January, 2022.

O'DANIEL McDONALD, LLC

/s/ William S. Weston Clay S. O'Daniel Georgia Bar No. 843070 William S. Weston Georgia Bar No. 929666 9040 Roswell Road, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30350-3939 (404) 419-6300 (404) 419-6301 (fax) codaniel@odmclaw.com wweston@odmclaw.com

Attorneys for Defendants

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE was duly served upon Plaintiff by using the PeachCourt electronic filing system for service to Plaintiff's below counsel of record:

Matthew Grossman Farah & Farah, P.A. 10 West Adams St. Jacksonville, FL 32202 mgrossman@farahandfarah.com

This 21st day of January, 2022.

<u>/s/ William S. Weston</u> William S. Weston

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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MARSHA HORNSBY,
Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO .:

VS.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS
TRUCKLINES, LLC, and
GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,
Defendants.

CERTFICATE OF SERVICE OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL

COMES NOW, Plaintiff in the above-referenced case, and pursuant to the local rules of this Court, shows that she served upon Defendant, RAIMIL SWANAGAN, the following:

1. Plaintiff's Response to Request for Admissions to Defendants

This Δ^{\square} day of January 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document was served on Clay S. O'Daniel, 9040 Roswell Rd, Ste. 500, Atlanta, GA 30350-3939 this 24 day of January, 2022.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY

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STATE OF GEORGIA

MARSHA HORNSBY,

Plaintiff,

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v.

FILE NO. 2021-CV-054

CIVIL ACTION

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,

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Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCOVERY FILING PURSUANT TO RULE 5.2 OF THE UNIFORM SUPERIOR COURT RULES

Pursuant to Rule 5.2 of the Uniform Superior Court Rules, the undersigned counsel of Defendants Raimil Swanagan, Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Trucklines, LLC, and Great West Casualty Company certifies that they have served the following pleadings on all counsel and that same were sent via first class U.S. Mail, properly addressed and with adequate postage thereon:

- 1. DEFENDANT GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS
- 2. DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC D/B/A MPS TRUCK LINES' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS
- 3. DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC D/B/A MPS TRUCK LINES' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST INTERROGATORIES
- 4. DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC D/B/A MPS TRUCK LINES' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
- 5. DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS

- 6. DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST INTERROGATORIES
- 7. DEFENDANT RAIMIL SWANAGAN'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

The original discovery requests were retained by the undersigned pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-29.1(a).

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of February, 2022.

O'DANIEL McDONALD, LLC

/s/ William S. Weston Clay S. O'Daniel Georgia Bar No. 843070 William S. Weston Georgia Bar No. 929666 9040 Roswell Road, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30350-3939 (404) 419-6300 (404) 419-6301 (fax) codaniel@odmclaw.com wweston@odmclaw.com

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This 2nd day of February, 2022.

/s/ William S. Weston William S. Weston

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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MARSHA HORNSBY, Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2021-CV-054

Cynthia G Dillingham, Clerk Atkinson County, Georgia

vs.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,
Defendants.

RULE 5.2 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF DISCOVERY MATERIALS

This is to certify that pursuant to U.S.C.R. 5.2, I have served counsel of all parties in the above-referenced matter with copies of the following:

- 1. Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's First Interrogatories and Request for Production.
- 2. A copy of this Rule 5.2 Certificate of Service of Discovery Materials;

by depositing same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed and emailed as follows:

This 9th day of February, 2022.

FARAH & FARAH, P.A.

MATTHEW GROSSMAN, ESQ.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been served on Defendant as required by the Georgia Civil Practice Act.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATKINSON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

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MARSHA HORNSBY,

Plaintiff,

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RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS

TRUCKLINES LLC and GREAT WEST

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RAIMIL SWANAGAN, MPS
TRUCKLINES, LLC and GREAT WEST
CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendants.

CERTFICATE OF SERVICE

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, in the above-referenced case, and pursuant to the local rules of this Court, shows that he served upon Defendant the following:

1. Plaintiff's Notice to Depose Raimil Swanagan on April 5, 2022 at 10:00am.

This 15th day of February, 2022.

FARAH & FARAH, P.A.

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This is to certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing all counsel of record, this 15th day of February, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARSHA HORNSBY,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION

v.

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,

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Defendants.

FILE NO. 2021-CV-054

CERTIFICATE OF DISCOVERY FILING PURSUANT TO RULE 5.2 OF THE UNIFORM SUPERIOR COURT RULES

Pursuant to Rule 5.2 of the Uniform Superior Court Rules, the undersigned counsel of Defendants Raimil Swanagan, Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines, and Great West Casualty Company certifies that they have served the following pleadings on all counsel and that same were sent via first class U.S. Mail, properly addressed and with adequate postage thereon:

- 1. DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC D/B/A MPS TRUCK LINES' SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST INTERROGATORIES
- 2. DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC D/B/A MPS TRUCK LINES' SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

The original discovery requests were retained by the undersigned pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-29.1(a).

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Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February, 2022.

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STATE OF GEORGIA

MARSHA HORNSBY,

Plaintiff,

* CIVIL ACTION

RAIMIL SWANAGAN, AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC d/b/a MPS TRUCK LINES, and GREAT WEST CASUALTY COMPANY,

Defendants.

ANSWER OF DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC D/B/A MPS TRUCK LINES TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW Defendant Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines ("Defendant"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and files its Answer to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial ("Amended Complaint"), and shows the Court as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

Defendant asserts that Plaintiff's Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

No act or omission of Defendant caused or contributed to any injuries or damages allegedly incurred by Plaintiff; therefore, Plaintiff has no right of recovery against Defendant.

THIRD DEFENSE

Defendant pleads the defense of comparative fault and all applicable doctrines thereof against Plaintiff and/or any subsequently added parties to this action.

FOURTH DEFENSE

All injuries or damages allegedly sustained by Plaintiff resulted solely or partially from the voluntary and intentional conduct of Plaintiff.

FIFTH DEFENSE

Any injuries, losses, or damages alleged by Plaintiff were proximately caused or contributed to by a superseding and intervening cause or causes other than an act or omission on the part of this Defendant, and, accordingly, recovery or relief against Defendant is barred.

SIXTH DEFENSE

To the extent as may be shown applicable by the evidence through discovery, Defendant asserts the affirmative defenses of assumption of the risk, contributory/comparative negligence, failure of Plaintiff to exercise ordinary care for Plaintiff's own safety, failure of Plaintiff to avoid consequences, failure of Plaintiff to mitigate damages, accord and satisfaction, arbitration and award, discharge in bankruptcy, duress, estoppel, failure of consideration, fraud, illegality, injury by fellow servant, license, payment, release, res judicata, statute of limitations, statute of frauds, sudden emergency, and waiver.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to plead such other defenses as may become known during the course of investigation and discovery.

ANSWER

Responding to the specifically numbered paragraphs of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint,

Defendant answers as follows:

1.

Defendant is without sufficient information to formulate a belief as to the truth or falsity

of the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

2.

In responding to Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that it is a foreign corporation with a principal place of business in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, and that its DOT number is properly listed. Defendant further admits that Defendant Swanagan was operating the subject tractor with its permission. Defendant denies the rest and remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

3.

In responding to Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Registered Agents, Inc. is Defendant's BOC-3 agent for service of process, and that Registered Agents, Inc.'s Georgia office for service of process is properly listed. Defendant further admits that Defendant Swanagan was operating the subject tractor with its permission and that jurisdiction and venue are proper before this Court. Defendant denies the rest and remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

4.

In responding to Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that, upon information and belief, Swanagan is a citizen of Tennessee and that he was operating a vehicle bearing Vehicle Identification Number 3AKJHHDR6K5LG233 at the time of the subject accident. Defendant denies the rest and remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as stated.

5.

In responding to Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Great West Casualty Company was its liability insurer at the time of the subject accident.

Defendant is without sufficient information to formulate a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

6.

Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

7.

Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

8.

Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

9.

Defendant is without sufficient information to formulate a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

10.

In responding to Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that a tractor trailer being operated by Defendant Swanagan, within the scope of his agency with Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines, made contact with a vehicle being operated by Plaintiff. Defendant denies the rest and remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as stated.

11.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, as stated. Responding further, Defendant admits that Defendant Swanagan was to some

degree negligent in connection with the subject accident.

12.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint. Responding further, Defendant denies that Defendant Swanagan acted recklessly in any way in connection with the subject accident. Defendant admits that Defendant Swanagan was to some degree negligent in connection with the subject accident.

13.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint. Responding further, Defendant admits that Defendant Swanagan was to some degree negligent in connection with the subject accident.

14.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

15.

In responding to Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that Defendant Swanagan was acting within the course and scope of his agency with Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines at the time of the subject accident. Defendant denies the rest and remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as stated.

16.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

17.

In responding to Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, Defendant admits that

Defendant Great West Casualty Company issued a policy of liability insurance to Amika Logistics, LLC d/b/a MPS Truck Lines that was active at the time of the subject accident. Defendant denies the rest and remainder of the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as stated.

18.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendant denies any and all allegations contained in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint which have not been expressly admitted or denied herein.

Defendant denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any of the relief requested in any of the WHEREFORE paragraphs contained in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays:

- (a) That Plaintiff's Amended Complaint be dismissed with all costs and attorneys' fees charged to Plaintiff;
- (b) That this Court denies Plaintiff's demand for damages and judgment in its entirety;
- (c) That this Court enter a Judgment in favor of Defendant and against Plaintiff;
- (d) That Defendant be granted a trial by a jury of 12; and
- (e) For such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

[SIGNATURE CONTAINED ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of February, 2022.

O'DANIEL McDONALD, LLC

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the ANSWER OF DEFENDANT AMIKA LOGISTICS, LLC D/B/A MPS TRUCK LINES TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL was duly served upon Plaintiff's counsel of record via electronic filing through the PeachCourt electronic filing system:

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This 18th day of February, 2022.

/s/ Clay S. O'Daniel Clay S. O'Daniel